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China Aid: Truman Asks Congress

T.U.C. To Approve Support For Govt.

London, Feb. 18.—The Trades Union Congress tonight accepted the Government's plan for "freezing" wages on condition that the Government "pursues vigorously and firmly a policy defined not only to stabilise but to reduce profits and prices."

But the Congress also decided that "it is not practicable to propose that unions should actually withdraw all wage claims that have already been made or are the subject of current negotiations."

Claims for increases are now being pressed by affiliated unions representing 4,000,000 of the TUC's membership of 7,500,000.

PRINCIPLES FOR CLAIMS

The Congress agreed to recommend to its 187 affiliated unions that their executives examine all claims in the light of the following principles: "That the principles of the Government's statement relating to wage movements was acceptable to the trade union movement to the extent that they recognise the necessity of retaining an unimpaired system of collective bargaining and free negotiation; admit the justification of claims for increased wages where these claims are based on increased output; admit the necessity of adjusting the wages of workers whose incomes are below a reasonable standard of subsistence; and affirm that it is in the material interest to establish standards of wages and conditions in undermanned essential industries to attract sufficient manpower."

MURDERED P.C. MAN CHARGED

London, Feb. 18.—Twenty-three-year-old Donald Thomas, located in a London boarding house yesterday after an intensive five-day man hunt, was today charged with the murder of Police Constable Nathaniel Edgar who was shot dead in a London suburb last Friday night while on an anti-burglar patrol.

Mrs. Noreen Winkless, whose picture in newspapers, led the police to the boarding house where she and Thomas were found together, was released after questioning.

EDITORIAL

Gagging The Press

HONGKONG'S courts are intended to fulfil a variety of functions designed to safeguard the community, but unfortunately methods of procedure are too frequently adopted which serve only to discredit the integrity of the Courts and to undermine public confidence in them. There have been two examples this week, both calling for strong protest. In both cases the Police, assisted by the magistrate, endeavoured to gag the Press by holding ordinary remand hearings in camera and by refusing to divulge the name of two defendants—both Europeans. Just why the protection of the Court in this manner should be afforded to defendants is not apparent, certainly there is no justification for such a procedure. We fail to see how public interest is served by this "behind-the-back-door" policy of dealing with cases, even though the charges may be unsavoury. It has long been established that one of the most effective deterrents to crime is publicity, because of the fear of publicity. In Hongkong this applies specially to Europeans, and to Chinese of social standing. It is therefore obviously desirable that rather than try to shield certain types of defendants, the courts should assist the newspapers in every way to give the widest publicity to their cases. Moreover, there are grounds for strong complaint against the arbitrary

manner in which prosecuting police officers, and some magistrates decide whether or not cases should be reported. Too often are the Press hustled out of court because the magistrate, at the request of a prosecuting officer, has decided to conduct a hearing in camera. In Hongkong the newspapers are denied any discretion. The protection of a Court can be, and should be invoked on behalf of a minor, but if it is to be conceded that a Court, once established, can announce a legal decision in a case where charges have not even been mentioned, and the name of a defendant specifically omitted, we can only protest that the Court is assuming too much power; and if it is not, then our lower court procedure is in urgent need of revision. The suppression of names and evidence in the interests of the public is essentially a concern of the magistrate, not a judge or magistrate. The practice too of holding cases in camera should not be allowed to become general, but where it is clearly necessary, the press should be allowed to remain in court. Neither should magistrates countenance a favourite police practice of smuggling certain types of defendants into court at times when the court is not normally sitting, thus preventing the newspapers from reporting the cases. This sort of thing has been going on too long. It is time it was stopped by instructions from the proper quarters.

US Admiral Pays Visit



The United States Naval Task Force 38 is paying a visit to Hongkong, and this picture shows Rear-Admiral Harold M. Martin, Commander of Carrier Division 5, taking the salute when he arrived at Queen's Pier yesterday. On the right is Commodore C. L. Robertson, Hongkong. — Ming Yuen.

CHILE'S CLAIMS TO FALKLAND IS. TERRITORY

Says Sovereignty Is "Indisputable"

London, Feb. 18.—President Gonzales Videla, of Chile, declared his country's rights in Antarctica were "indisputable" when he inaugurated the Chilean Army base of Bernardo O'Higgins on British-owned Greenwich Island today.

Greenwich Island is one of the South Shetland group in the Falkland Island Dependencies to which the 8,000-ton cruiser HMS Nigeria is steaming from South Africa. A British sloop is already there.

President Videla declared that Chile was the "legitimate successor" of the Spanish crown, the coloniser of the Western world.

The United States is neutral to the rival claims of Britain, Chile and Argentina, while Australia is "interested," it was made clear in Washington and Canberra today.

Argentina, which claims Deception Island in the Falkland Islands group proper, declared tonight that "force, when introduced into international debates, is a bad councillor."

"Certain units of our Navy are carrying out manoeuvres in the Fret Seas of Antarctica," an Argentine Foreign Office statement said. "This is easy to understand and has no other significance which might be attributed to it."

Mr. George Marshall, the American Secretary of State, said in Washington tonight that America would stand by the Inter-American Defence Pact signed in September last year, which excluded certain territories of the Western Hemisphere from the defence section of the treaty.

AUSTRALIA'S INTEREST

Mr. Joseph B. Chifley, the Australian Prime Minister, declared in Canberra that Australia was interested in anything that happened to concern the interests of Britain. The Foreign Office here has announced that Britain is likely to make further representations to the Argentine and Chilean Governments re-asserting British sovereignty in the Dependencies.

President Gonzales Videla landed yesterday on Greenwich Island to inaugurate naval and army bases and a weather station.

Referring today to "the indisputable rights of sovereignty of Chile in these regions, never before visited by the Chief of State of any nation," he declared that Chile was the legitimate successor of the Spanish crown, the coloniser of the Western world.

The Chilean President maintained that the normal classic processes of international law for the acquisition of territorial sovereignty could ordinarily not apply in the same way to the Polar regions.

"Thus, as new events demand new rulings, modern international law has the task of martalling the elements which must contribute towards the birth of Antarctic sovereignty," he said. "Such elements are proximity and occupation."

Proximity alone would merely authorise a latent sovereignty if there were no intention to retain sovereignty by means of effective occupation of these territories. "The exploitation of the natural resources contemplated by Chile through the endeavours of men of enterprise and of our heroic whaling fleet is a perfect judicial form of occupation."

LAND OF TOMORROW

The presence of the President of the Republic in these regions affords one more confirmation of the sovereignty of Chile over the extreme south of the national soil.

"With all Chile, I toast this land of tomorrow, sure that its people will know how to maintain stoutly the sovereignty and unity of our territory, from Arica (northern Chile) to the South Pole"—Reuter.

Usually well informed quarters believed tonight that Britain is likely to consult the United States Government on a solution of the Antarctic dispute with Chile and Argentina, which is considered to be reaching a disproportionate level.

In the present position in which the navies of Britain, Argentina and Chile will shortly be represented in Antarctic seas and in which Graham Land and South Shetlands are claimed by all three nations, such Anglo-United States exchanges of view would be a natural development.

Washington at present makes no claims in Antarctic territory and recognises none. At the same time, the United States had maintained an interest in Antarctic development through the despatch of expeditions to the South Polar regions and, as a partner in the 1947 inter-American reciprocal assistance treaty, has a clear interest in all matters affecting Hemisphere defence and security.—Reuter.

ARGENTINE STATEMENT

Buenos Aires, Feb. 18.—The Argentine Foreign Minister, in a statement to the press tonight, dealing with the Falklands dispute, said: "We do not believe in the force of whatever units might be mobilised. The problem is altogether different."

"It is not one of tonnage, but of international law. Force, when introduced into international debates, is a bad councillor."

The statement was apparently a reply to reports that the British cruiser Nigeria was on its way to the Antarctic from South Africa.—Reuter.

HANDS-OFF POLICY

Washington, Feb. 18.—Mr. George Marshall, the Secretary of State, announced today what was in effect a hands-off policy by the United States towards the rival claims of Britain, Chile and Argentina to certain territories in the Falkland Islands Dependencies.

Mr. Marshall said the question of sovereignty in the Antarctica had been raised by the Chilean delegation at the Rio de Janeiro Conference which drafted the Inter-American Defence Pact, signed in September, 1947.

"At that time, it was made clear that there were certain boundaries separating parts of the Western Hemisphere, which came under the defence section of the treaty, and the parts which did not."

Mr. Marshall declined to be drawn into a discussion on whether the issue was one suitable for the International Court of Justice at The Hague to discuss.—Reuter.

De Valera Loses His Premiership

COSTELLO TO FORM CABINET

Dublin, Feb. 18.—Mr. Eamon de Valera, six times Prime Minister of Eire, was today defeated by a combination of Opposition parties in the Dail (Parliament), who elected a 57-year-old barrister to head a Coalition Government.

The new Prime Minister is Mr. John Costello, former Attorney General in the administration of Mr. William Cosgrave and a member of Fine Gael, General Richard Mulcahy's party which holds 30 seats in the Dail.

Mr. de Valera's defeat, following the first failure of his party, the Fianna Fail, to poll a clear majority of seats in the general election on February 14, ends 16 continuous years in office.

His party now holds 68 seats in the Dail, while all the others hold 74, including 12 independents.

When the first vote was taken in the crowded, semi-circular Leinster House, home of the Dail, Mr. de Valera was defeated by 75 votes to 70.

In a second vote, the Dail elected Mr. Costello by 75 votes to 68.

A NEW SPIRIT

General Mulcahy, proposing Mr. Costello's election, declared that "in the reaction from the recent general election, it has been made possible for a number of parties here to say that they are willing to form an inter-party Government."

The selection of Mr. Costello was "not a question of bargaining but a manifestation of a new spirit."

Mr. Sean MacBride, leader of the New Republic Party, which was originally expected to offer Mr. de Valera a serious threat but which free from bourgeois modernist influences.

The confessions were given last night at a general meeting of the Union of Soviet Composers, called to discuss the decision of the Communist Party Central Committee, which decreed last week that the Soviet composers had deviated from the proper Party lines for music.—United Press.

Tune Wrong, But Melody Lingers On

Moscow, Feb. 18.—Two outstanding Soviet composers, the world-famous Sergei Prokofiev, and the lesser known Vano Muradeli, have publicly confessed their past failures to create democratic Soviet music free from bourgeois modernist influences.

During his election campaign, Mr. MacBride contended that Mr. de Valera's policy—on the ending of partition between Eire and Northern Ireland, which remains part of the United Kingdom, had lost its vigour.

His own party is pledged to a more militant policy of abolishing the border which, it claims, divides the agricultural south from its industrial counterpart in the north.

Fianna Fail secured power in 1932 when Mr. de Valera was 50. He had been sentenced to death, reprieved and imprisoned for his part in the revolt against the British in 1916, had gone secretly to the United States, where he was born, to enlist support for a free Irish republic, and returned in 1920.

NORTHERN OPPOSITION

Five years after Mr. de Valera came into power, the new constitution of the Irish Free State was adopted and the name Eire came into being.

Mr. de Valera continued to campaign to bring Northern Ireland into

the Republic, but Northern Ireland rejected his proposal for an all Irish Parliament.

Several speakers today suggested that Mr. de Valera should drop party politics and join in an all-party Government.

The Dail adjourned to enable Mr. Costello to go to the President of Eire, Mr. Sean O'Kelly, for formal confirmation of his appointment.

It is expected that the new Government will be in office tonight, and that Mr. Sean MacBride will be Minister for External Affairs.

Mr. Costello earned recognition while Attorney General for his contribution to the 1931 Statute of Westminster, which gave autonomy to British dominions and made it possible for Eire to remain neutral in World War II.

The Dail approved tonight by 75 votes to 65 the formation of a new Government headed by Mr. Costello.—Reuter.

BELOW SEA LEVEL CANAL PROPOSED

Washington, Feb. 18.—The largest battleship or ocean liner may sail some day through a tunnel under the Central American Isthmus.

Or it may travel from the Atlantic to the Pacific in a vast open sea part in the revolt against the British in 1916, had gone secretly to the United States, where he was born, to enlist support for a free Irish republic, and returned in 1920.

Engineers with a mandate from the United States Congress to study all possible routes for a new canal across the Isthmus have even considered a ship railway which would lift a vessel out of one ocean, carry it overland by rail and set it down in the other.

Here are some of their findings: 1.—The location of the present canal in Panama is the most economical and generally satisfactory place to build a new one.

2.—Only a sea level canal could be made secure against sabotage or aerial attack.

The project is the biggest ever contemplated; its length would be 60 feet below sea level and would be 600 feet wide at a 40 foot depth. The deepest cut through the Continental Divide would be 600 feet below the surrounding hills.

Two new permanent towns would have to be built.

In two alternative Panamanian routes, one beginning at San Blas Bay and the other one at Caladonia Bay, the lowest points of the divide are about 1,100 feet above sea level. Here the engineers suggested a tunnel under the ridge. It would have to be much larger than 235 feet

in diameter to allow for tidal variations and for future larger ships.

When the investigators studied the subject of an isthmus rail line they decided on vessels of the future as much as 1,400 feet long, the weight of the carriage and the ship would total 250,000 tons.

The Panama sea level canal was recommended.

It would enable ships to cross the Isthmus in four and one half hours about half the time it now takes. It would carry the largest vessels and would accommodate all the traffic that is expected by the year.

The only special engineering problem they believed, would be adjusting the canal to the Pacific tides, which have a maximum range of 20 feet compared to a two foot range in the Atlantic.—Associated Press.

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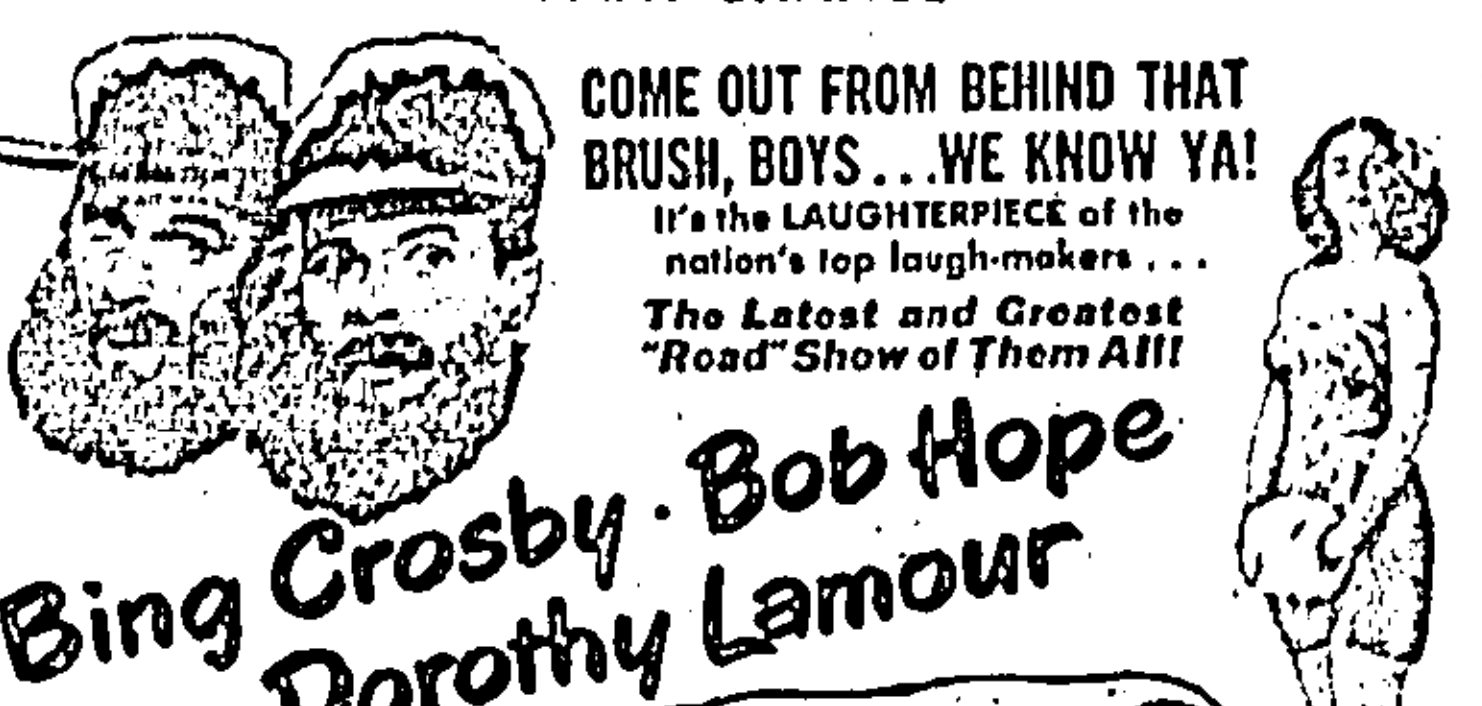


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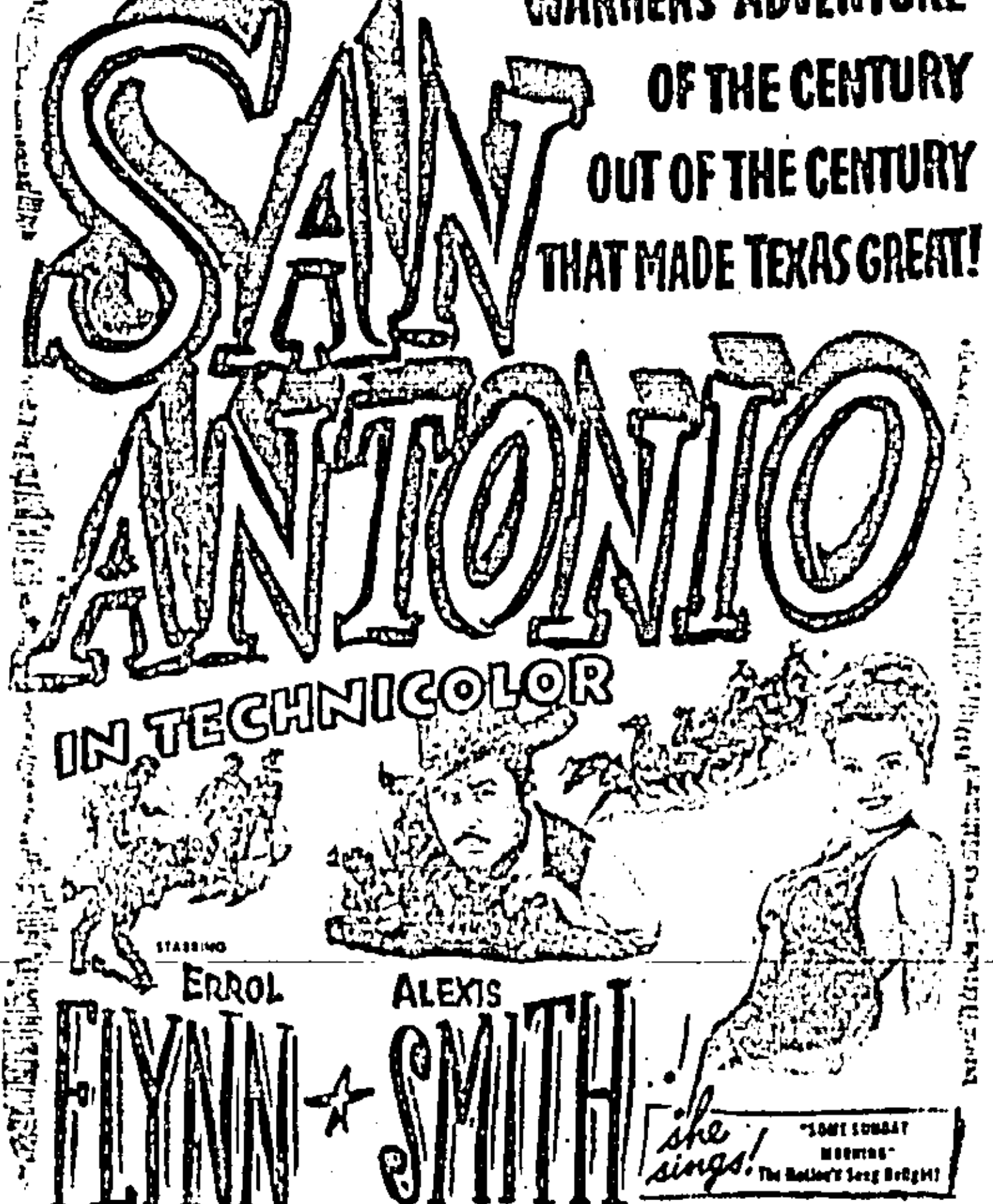
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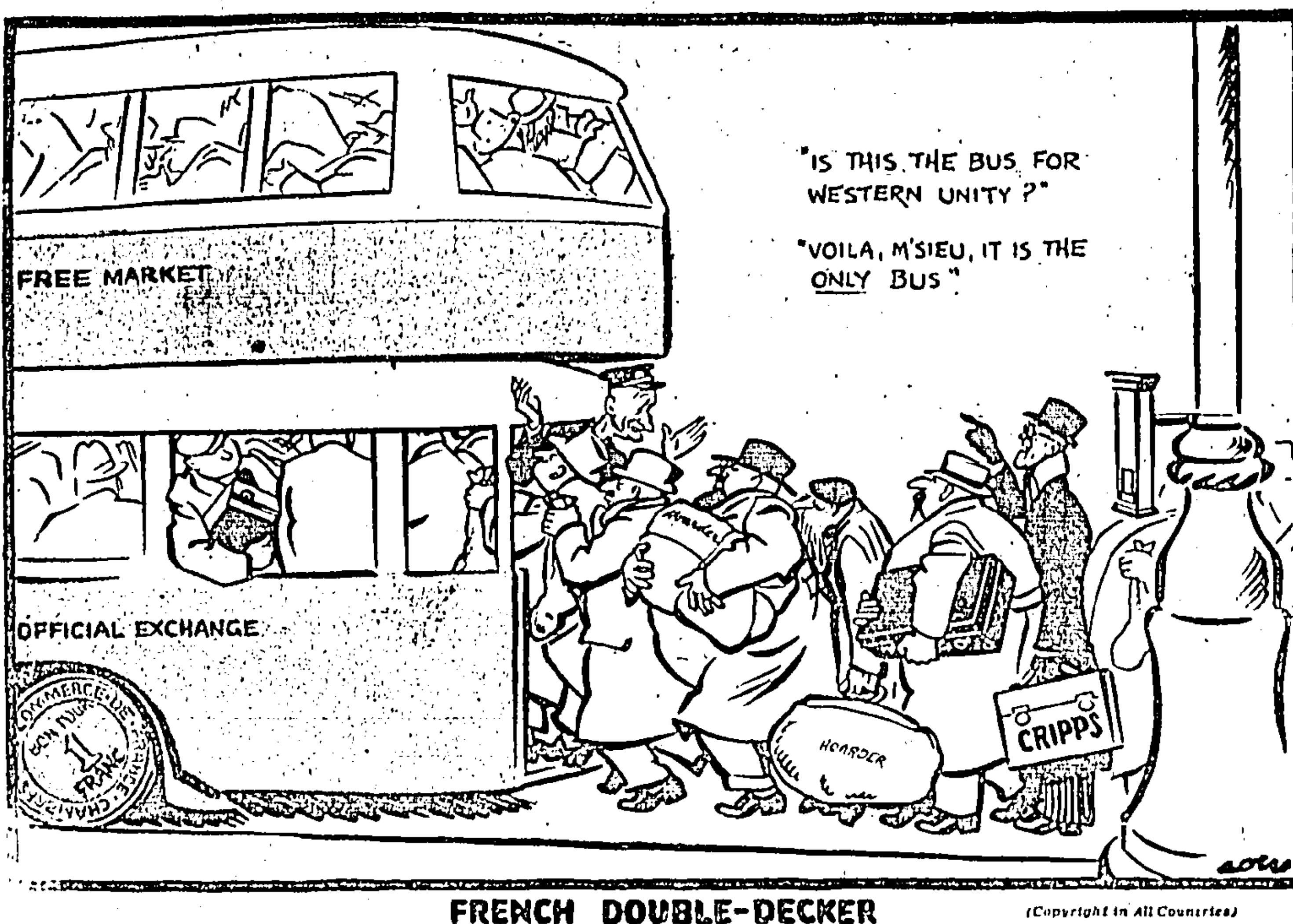
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FRENCH DOUBLE-DECKER

THE BOX OF 17 SECRETS

IN the paper-strewn laboratory in which Sir Bernard Spilsbury was found dying a few weeks ago was discovered a small cardboard box which provides a mystery as intriguing as any he solved.

The contents are the only relics left of the man who spent 40 years investigating causes of death.

Before me as I write is the box. Inside are 17 strangely assorted articles.

But these are not concerned with the cases which made Sir Bernard famous.

The relics must have had great scientific or criminological value, but that value remains unexplained.

WERE SOME THE EVIDENCE OF HIDDEN CRIMES?

by ERIC TULLETT

Eight of the specimens are clues of cases he investigated, dating back to 1909.

They are labelled with brief descriptions of the cases, written by Sir Bernard himself. On the others there is no label. They could be ordinary specimens, not uncommon in any laboratory. Yet they are in the same box, marked in longhand, "Medicinal Specimens."

Only one article does not relate directly to Sir Bernard.

That is a letter written by the poisoner William Palmer to his fiancée, Miss Annie Brookes. The letter is dated July 12, 1847.

Murder clue

THERE is only one clue in the mystery box definitely connected with murder—a small piece of blood-stained heartthug which helped to send Louis Voisin to the gallows for the murder of Mme. Gerard.

Her body was found in a sack in Regent-square, off Gray's Inn-road, London, in November 1917.

In her room was found an I.O.U. for £50 signed by Voisin. He and a woman named Roche were charged with the murder.

Their defence was that Voisin had found the body when he went to redeem his I.O.U., and in panic, had concealed it.

The defence was shattered when Spilsbury proved by the position and size of the blood-stains that Mme. Gerard had been murdered in Voisin's rooms; that she had died from

shock and loss of blood following severe blows on the head.

Spilsbury produced this small piece of bloodstained heartthug, and all Voisin's chances of life faded.

Voisin was hanged and Roche sentenced to seven years' penal servitude.

For 50 years that vital clue was kept by Sir Bernard.

The 'unknown'

BUT in the box are other clues, less easily explained. Yet they must have meant something to this man whose evidence so often snapped the threads of a fellow man's life.

In a slim, back case, marked merely: "St. Pancras. Man unknown. Suicide," is an old open razor, the blade heavily blood-stained.

Its only apparent claim to interest is the almost indecipherable writing on the case: "Cut on left arm."

Sir Bernard may have proved some particular method and kept it for reference. But every year of his life he conducted autopsies upon people who had used razors to commit suicide.

Of all those he retained only this one, dated 1919.

And what is the history of the old pattern jackknife?

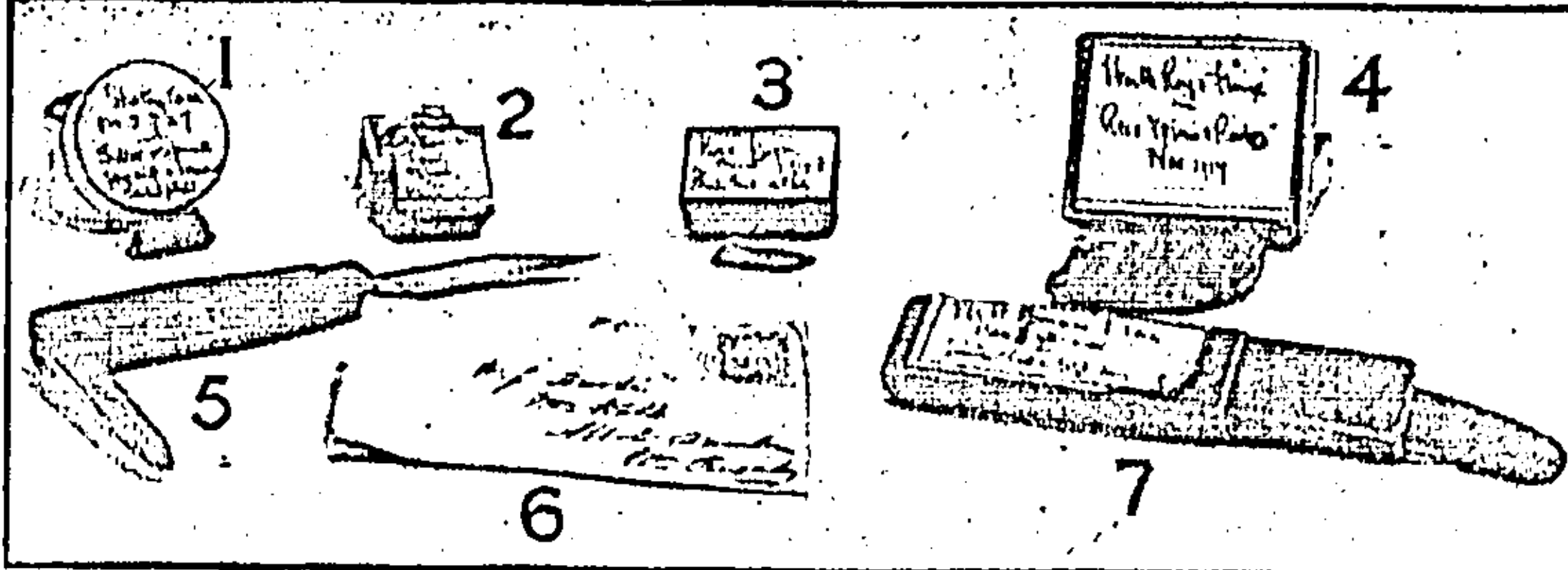
It has no label, and there is nothing to show why it was kept, except that one of the blades, sharpened to a fine point, is thickly bloodstained.

On the other blade is stamped the word "Ranchero," suggesting a South American or Spanish origin.

"IS THIS THE BUS FOR WESTERN UNITY?"

"VOILA, M'SIEU, IT IS THE ONLY BUS"

- 1 Box in which is misplaced bullet and smashed dental plate.
- 2 Box with stained towel and chintz cover.
- 3 Stained khaki cue.
- 4 Blood-soaked heartthug in box, taken from Voisin's room in Charlotte-street, W.
- 5 Old pattern jackknife.
- 6 Letter by William Palmer, poisoner, to his fiancée, Miss Annie Brookes, 1847.
- 7 Open razor used by unknown man to kill himself.



It had certainly been used as a weapon. Now it just adds to the mystery.

To Spilsbury a stain could tell a story. He handled hundreds of cases of stain identification, but in his box were only three articles relating to the subject.

A tiny red box, on which he had written: "Stain on bed fabric. Swindon case 29 Sept. 1917" contains a piece of linen.

There is no indication of the type of crime, and Swindon police cannot trace anything because many of their records were destroyed during the war.

The fabric may have concerned some crime of violence. It may even have been murder.

But the reason Sir Bernard kept it will remain unknown.

Back to 1909

Another box is marked: "Stains on towel and chintz cover. Bridbrook case, Nov. '09."

That was one year before he solved the Seddon poisoning case, and two years before he sent Crippen to the hangman.

From those two famous cases he kept nothing. Yet the obscure Bridbrook case must have had something he thought worth keeping.

Although most of his cases concerned human beings, there is one clue to the death of a sheep.

It is a piece of bloodstained khaki from a case of sheep-stealing at Bicester.

Two men were charged in July 1910, and one of them had blood-stained khaki breeches. He said the blood was his own.

Sir Bernard found that the stains showed the presence of mammalian blood composition, but on tests they gave reaction of sheep's blood.

His evidence destroyed the defence, and both men were sentenced at Oxford Assizes.

Of the many shooting cases the clue to only one is left. It was a suicide in which a man shot himself through the mouth. The bullet smashed his dental plate and pierced his brain.

There was nothing unusual in the case, but Sir Bernard may have

been interested because the bullet was out of shape.

He kept it in a small round box with the dental plate.

There are three boxes containing bloodstained material marked, "Monkey," "Guinea Pig," and "Rabbit."

There is, as I have said, no clue left of any of the more famous poisoning cases, yet there is a small tin of rat poison there.

A shop label gives an address in High-street, Tooting. What secret lies behind this half-empty tin? Was the poison used by a murderer? There is no answer.

So, out of the estimated 80,000 cases which Sir Bernard Spilsbury investigated in 40 years, only these few strange clues remain.

BY THE WAY by Beachcomber

HOW the Filtristan Trio filled in form 719046/JL/274619 D.N./42:19, 646, F.K.:

1. Have you made any previous application?—No yes, if we do not get it.
2. How long is the required plank?—Till it breaketh.
3. Can you guarantee it will not be used for building?—We are too much honoured, please.
4. Where is the plank to be set up?—On the belly, sir, of Ashura, ho yes.
5. Have you changed your address in the last year?—Please, Kazublah hath changed his cloth trousers for Sundays. Ashura and Rizamughan remain clothed in sea-saw overall.
6. Give rough estimate of current upkeep expenses.—No, but we rent no currents and keep none up, O official.

Part II.

1. Is the plank, when in use, polished or unpolished?—Sir, what is in use polished or unpolished, please?
2. Where is the plank to be delivered?—To Ashura's belly, we have said.
3. How long does your act last?—Nine years, please, since we hath begun in Thuralabad market place.

4. Do you guarantee not to lend the plank to any unlicensed person or persons?—We are toteotalers, ho yes.
5. Do you belong to a Union? If so, which?—If so not, sir, what?
6. State maiden name of Mother.—O, sir, there be no State names for ladies in Persia. Private name of Mother Jivlaumaleeshara.

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Mimsie Slopcorner

CONSIDERABLY refreshed by her long rest, Mimsie Slopcorner is ready to return to her duties. I believe her first job will be to tour the country for the Ministry of Bubble-blowing, as Miss No Petrol. Wherever her car stops she will pose on the top of it, dressed as a petrol pump.

10 ADVANCES IN SCIENCE

DIRECTOR of American Science Service Dr. Watson Davis listed what he considered the 10 most important advances in science in 1947.

PILOTLESS PLANE: A U.S. Skymaster took off from Newfoundland and landed near Oxford (England) last September without the crew touching the controls during the flight. The control apparatus calculated the wind speed, set a speed of 240 mph. The course was controlled by radar.

ARTIFICIAL RAIN: Australian scientists Dr. Eric Kraus and Patrick Squires were the first men in the world to make artificial rain. Last March they dropped carbon dioxide on upper strata cloud from a plane and created heavy rain.

SYNTHETICS: The synthesis of protein in long-chain molecules promises new plastics of medical and industrial importance. U.S. Professor E. A. Hauser found that elasticity is not an exclusive property of rubber, but the result of a well-balanced combination of fibrous and liquid molecules in a given substance.

ATOM: Interconversion of proton and neutron fundamental particles and the smashing of many more elements yielding new isotopes and transmutations.

By using the world's highest voltage synchrocyclotron, U.S. scientists Glenn Seaborg and Albert Ghiorso found the radioactive elements astatine and francium which existed when the earth was formed two billion years ago, but had since decayed other elements.

British scientists found unsuspected particles of the atom which scientists hitherto had thought was made up of protons and neutrons.

SUNSPOTS: Director of the Franklin Institute Planetarium at Philadelphia Dr. Roy Marshall sighted the largest display of sunspots in more than a century. One sunspot was 80,000 miles long, large enough to embrace 25 to 30 earths in its bulk.

STREPTOMYCIN: New wonder drug which has been successful in treatment of some types of tuberculosis. It has also proved a more efficient cure of VD than penicillin.

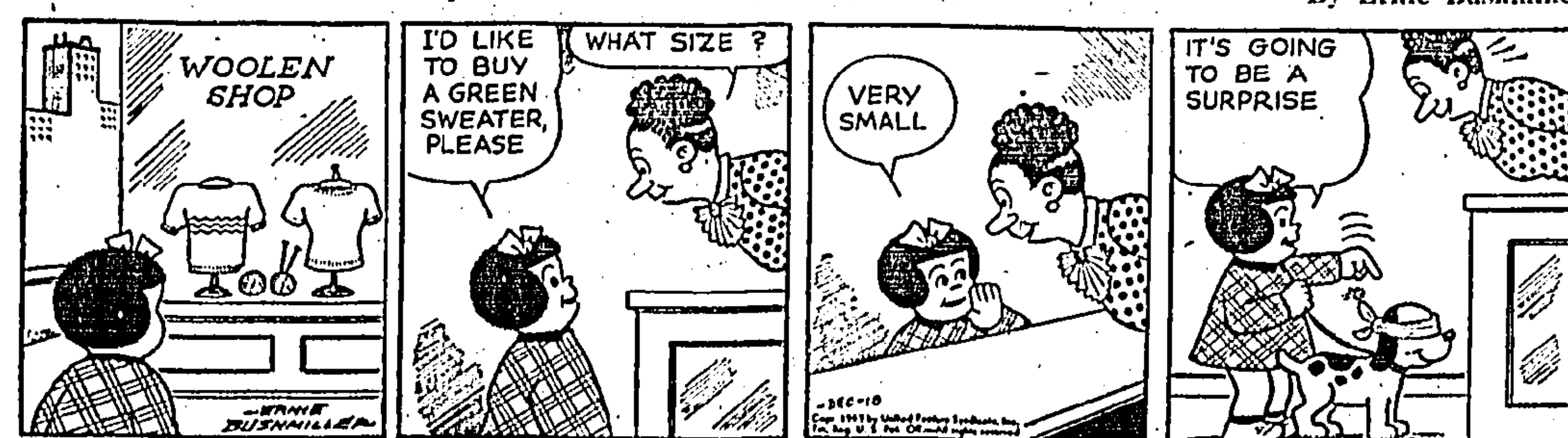
JET PLANES: Improved jet engines enabled the smashing of air speed record, first by British Meteor Gloster (621 mph) then by U.S. Douglas Skystrake (650 mph). America has also developed a jet bomber powered by six jet engines.

PREHISTORIC MAN: Anthropologists dug up the 15,000-year-old remains of the Tepexpan Man from an Ice Age swamp in Mexico.

CAMERA: A new process delivers a completed photograph out of a camera one minute after taking a picture.

SMELL: Discovery that smell is detected by infra-red radiation absorbed by odoriferous material reaching the nose.

NANCY Don't Mention Any Names



By Ernie Bushmiller



Women BEAUTY ARTS

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Here are Tips for the mature woman.
TO MADAM!

If you are forty or over you often allow yourself to "slump." Here are questions for YOU!

How long has it been since you have thought about looking pretty? How long since you just took an afternoon off from the house and enjoyed yourself?

How long has it been since you have bought a new dress? How long since you have given a few hours to your own personal beauty problems?

How long since you have really looked at yourself, from head to toe? Well, let's start! Heads first.

Dry scalp, brittle hair? If Gray, a little Yellow? Well you need some home conditioning before you get a permanent. Give yourself a good home shampoo to start your self-beautification. Work up a real lather with your shampoo. Cleanse the scalp well.

The Gray-haired Matron must wield her hairbrush after her hair is thoroughly dry. A few drops of bluing, added to the last rinsing water, removes that Yellow tinge, giving a soft, bluish gleam which is flattering.

Next comes your careful beauty treatment. Some warm oil to lubricate your dry, neglected skin. A good cleansing with cream. A firming of flabby tissue with a "peppy" skin freshener. A cream foundation. Face powder to match your skin tone. Rouge and lipstick of a fuchsia tone of Red; soft and very flattering, especially to Silver or Gray.

Minute Makeup
by GABRIELLE



The Curvaceous Curves are here! But this news does not mean that you can forget your diet and your exercises. You still can't go in for rich desserts and ice cream sodas. Yes—Curves are in! A nicely rounded bosom is important in the new Figure of Curves. But remember—DANGER, Curves Ahead!

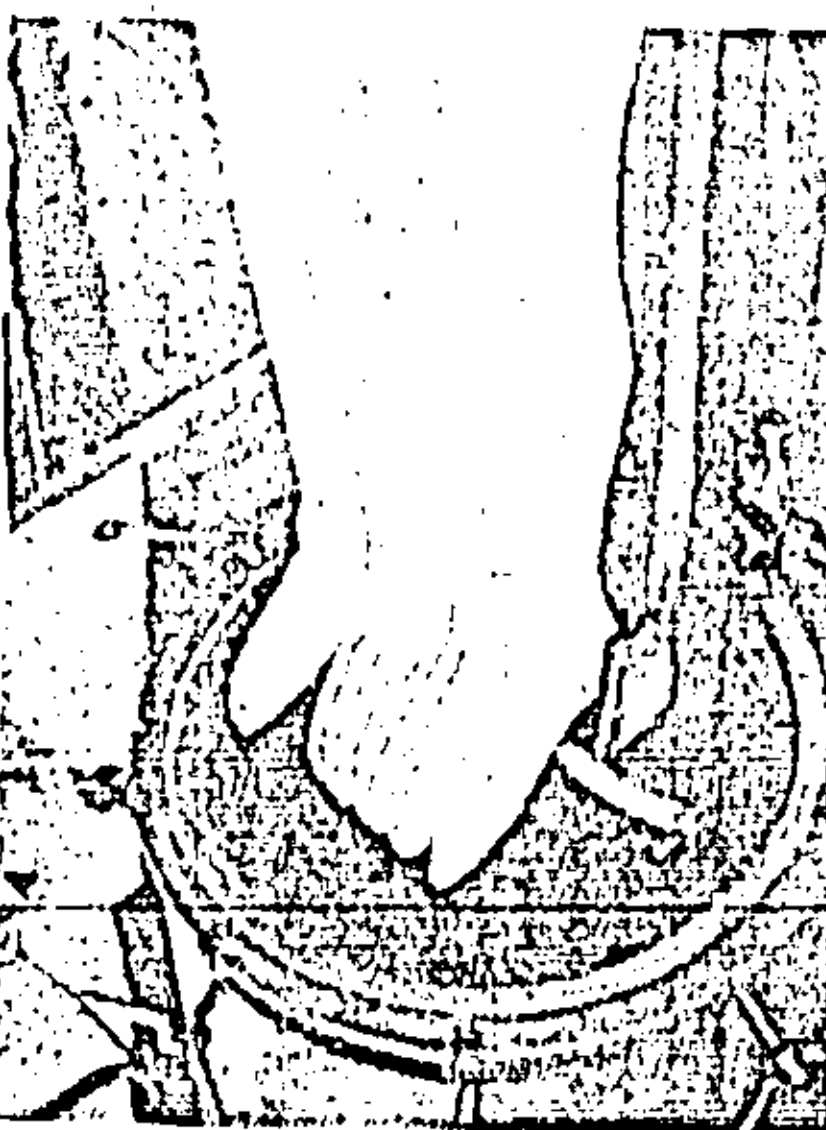
Don't let anybody or anything weaken your determination to give yourself a little of the Glamour that you read about. You are at an age which is important to you, your family and your community. And you must look your best.

Silver hair needs as much attention as does Blonde hair. It must be shining-clean and brushed into place.

Hair swept back from the face is the most beautiful and youthful fashion for the mature woman. If you are even slightly on the heavy side, keep your neckline free of ornaments, curls or puffs.

Now that you have really started, look at your figure. A well fitted girdle will mould your figure into the best line. A bra will firm and control. Exercise is a matter to be decided upon by your physician if you are over Forty. Your diet also. But you can eat sensibly and become more active.

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The picture shows the manufacture of the Nylon stocking.

OHMS NOTE BROUGHT PORTIA £2,000 PLUS

As the postman pushed a letter through the box of a house in Stourwood Road, Bournemouth, Mrs Dorothy Gillibrand turned to her children, headed by 19-year-old Jill. "It will be the £2 the Ministry owes me for expenses during the battle," she said as she opened it.

She was wrong. The letter told her she had won the battle she has been fighting for a pension since her husband, Brigadier A. Gillibrand, D.S.O., died in 1942 in Egypt.

The pension is to be back-dated to her husband's death so that she will

receive at once about £2,000, including children's allowances, to compensate for the "years between" when she was often down to her last shilling.

Every year she will receive nearly £200, plus educational and clothing grants for her family.

This is her reward for pursuing her claim with—in the words of Mr Justice Denning—"the utmost diligence and courage."

Died From Leukaemia

Brigadier Gillibrand died from leukaemia (a blood disease), and he claimed that his war service—he worked night and day helping to organize supplies for Wavell's campaigns—had aggravated his condition and hastened his death.

She made claim after claim to the pensions tribunal, wrote to the newspapers, and got her case mentioned in Parliament. They called her "Portia." But always the official answer was that war service had nothing to do with her husband's death.

Last November, in the High Court, Mr Justice Denning ordered her case to be heard again by the pensions appeal tribunal and added:

"She has waited for justice long enough."

In closing the dossier on the Gillibrand case, the Ministry of Pensions explained that the Minister, Mr George Buchanan, had suggested that further legal proceedings should be avoided if possible.

Special Authority

So special authority was obtained to treat the case as an individual one of "very exceptional features."

"This is the most exciting moment of my life," said Mrs Gillibrand to a reporter later.

"Several charitable organisations were unable or unwilling to help me."

"But it made no difference to the appetites of my growing children and myself."

"I have worked as telephonist, receptionist and taken in dress-making to make ends meet."

THE WOLVES DROVE HER FROM JOB

A Sydney night-club dancer has resigned because she says, "wolves" bother her after her act.

She is talented, attractive, 20-year-old Kathleen Doherty from Singapore.

Kathleen says Sydney is a tough place for theatricals. Men followed her taxi home and tried to get her to go out with them.

She stayed only a week in the job.

Kathleen is engaged to a British Army officer and hopes to marry soon.

"I want to do radio work or modelling, because I'm tired of putting up with jealous theatrical women, and men who assume that a girl is a fast type because she's on the stage," she said.

Swing Numbers

She is the daughter of an English headmistress at a Singapore school, and spent the war years in an Irish convent which the Japs left alone.

Her father, a Civil Servant, was brutally treated by the Japs.

In Singapore, Kathleen appeared at Raffles and Princes nightclubs. She sings mostly swing and blues numbers. Her favourite acts are folk dances of Continental countries.

She was one of Singapore's most photographed young models.

Rupert's Silver Trumpet—5

The little pals fall in behind the band and step out in time to the music, but they cannot stride as far as the men, so they gradually get left behind. Then the band swings away to Robin Down, and Rupert and Algy and Willie decide to return to Nutwood. As they separate Rupert stops. "I say, why can't we have a band of our own?" he cries.

"That would solve all our problems. Algy and I can ask Santa Claus for trumpets, and you, Willie, might ask for a drum. Then we could play at our parties!"

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RAF PLAN NORTH POLE TRAINING

Polar flying is to become part of the training of the RAF's navigation specialists.

A Lancastrian from the Empire Air Navigation School at Shawbury, near Shrewsbury, has flown to within 450 miles of the North Pole to collect information on which the training course may be worked out.

It is likely that several training aircraft will fly together deep into the Arctic to give experience to navigators, pilots and other aircrew.

It was from Shawbury that the Lancastrian Aries I, flew over the North Polar regions in 1945 confirming the belief of the Astronomer Royal that the magnetic pole was not where it was thought to be.

The Lancastrian which made the new flight landed in Iceland, then headed north over Denmark Strait.

Over the Ice

The RAF men flew over Scoresby Sound, where they saw the only sign of life—the lights of the weather station.

Then, flying parallel with the coast of Greenland, about 50 miles from the shore, the aircraft continued northwards, flying first over loose ice packs and then the permanent icefield.

After seven hours it was due east of Peary Land, Greenland's most northerly point.

The Lancastrian then turned, and headed back to Iceland. When it landed, after a 12½-hour flight, it had covered 2,950 miles.

The crew carried sandwiches and vacuum flasks of coffee—as if it were a picnic to the North Pole. They took rifles with them just in case they were forced down and had to hunt for food.

Missing Link Is Missing Again

The famous Heidelberg Man, who died some hundreds of thousands of years ago, has just lost two more teeth.

His skull, which many regard as the missing link between man and monkey, was buried during the war, in Germany in a salt-mine near the spot where it was discovered in 1907.

After a check by American Army authorities on whether it was a legitimate German possession or a piece of Nazi loot, the skull was returned to Heidelberg University.

Stunned German professors found two teeth missing and promptly blamed a GI souvenir-hunter with a scientific background.

He had taken the very teeth which proved the skull belonged to a man and not a monkey.

LOVERS GIVE WAY TO VEGETABLES

By order of the U.S. military government, the parks of Berlin will again be devoted this spring to potato and cabbage patches rather than lovers' lanes.

In view of the continuing world food shortage, U.S. food officials stated that only in a few places in the centre of the city would vegetable planting be discontinued.

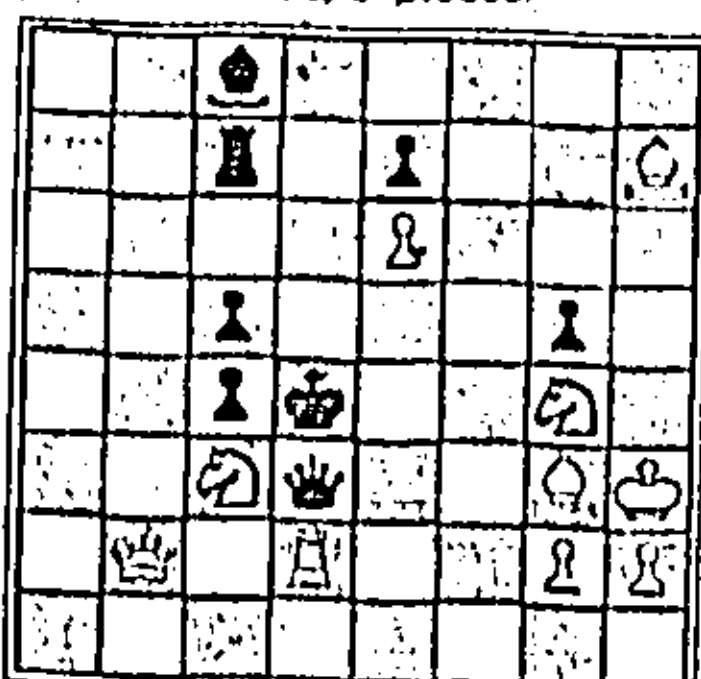
Last year over 70 per cent of all parks in the American sector of the city were used, partially or entirely, for garden purposes.

In 1948, as in 1947, the most famous potato patch in the world will be in the Tiergarten, where the diggers have worked around the bases of battered statues commemorating Germany's former Kaisers. —Associated Press.

CHESS PROBLEM

By A. K. ELWORTHY

Black, 8 pieces.

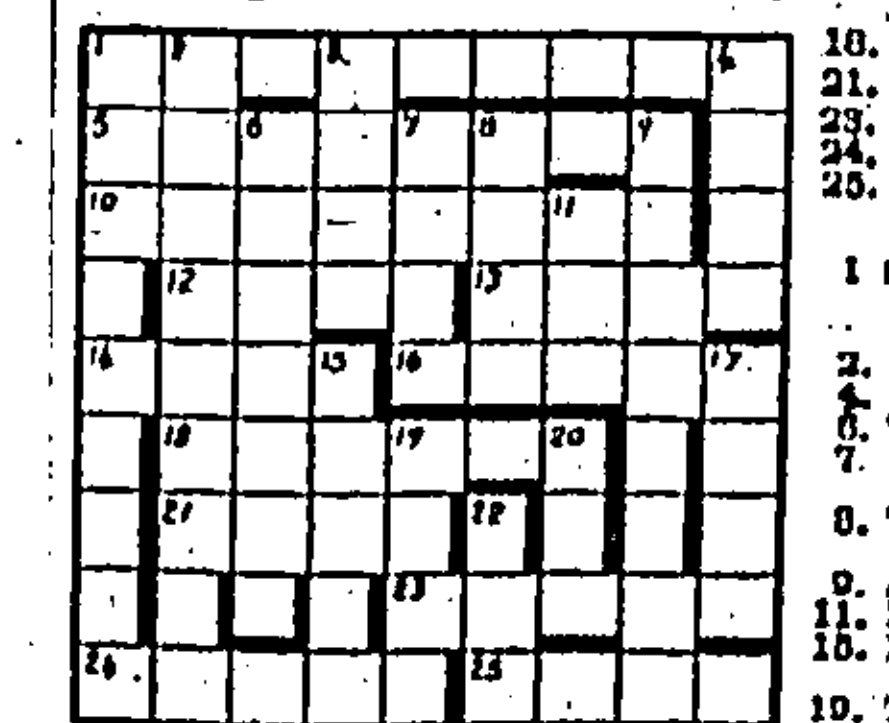


White 10 pieces.

White to play and mate in two. Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. U—B3, any; 2. Q. Kt. or P mates.

CROSSWORD



Across
1. I cast soil (Anag.). (9)
6. Musical drama in a small way (10)
10. Obviously the very latest. (2, 2, 4)
12. Extremity scarce. (4)
13. And to an inward bend? (4)
14. In the East he really is some body. (5)

Down
1. Its upset in the sea. (5)
2. Indian dress. (4)
3. Visiting places of the cuckoo. (6)
4. See above. (4)
5. A cluttered site. (4)
6. Down
1 and 24. St. Paul said that unless he had charity he had become as the brass. (10)
2. The bully. (6)
3. Smooth. (4)
4. What they get from flon. (4)
5. The nose is returned to left. (7)
6. Even now he's at the end of the road. (4)
7. This fern comes from New Zealand. (4)
8. A meteoric stone. (6)
9. Label. (3)
10. The year the schoolboy has three. (5)
11. They are counted as evils. (4)
12. Steamship in animal form. (5)
13. Frozen. (3)
14. Solution of yesterday's puzzle—Across
1. Cast. (9)
2. Quilt. (10)
3. Acropolis. (10)
4. Flon. (4)
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McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

Open Suit Partner Bid If He Doubles

By WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY

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THE most important play in bridge is the opening lead. In many cases, the lead is automatic. If your partner has bid, you should open his suit unless there is an extremely good reason for choosing another. If he has not bid, you generally open the fourth best of your longest and strongest suit, especially against no trump.

Against a suit contract you try to open a suit that will establish a trick for yourself or your partner.

An important point to remember is that if the opponents arrive at a three no trump contract and your partner has bid, you are obligated to open his suit.

If you elect to open your own suit instead of your partner's, be prepared to take the blame if the contract is not defeated. Generally it never pays to open your own suit unless you have a sure entry, in another suit.

In today's hand South bids a diamond, the opponents get to three no trump, and it is North's opening lead.

Should he open a diamond or a spade? I said above that the player who opens his own suit rather than his partner's must be prepared to take all the blame for what happens, and in this case, there will be plenty of it if North opens his spades. Declarer simply lays off until the second round, knocks-out the ace of hearts, and makes four no trump.

But with a diamond opening the best East and West can do is to take eight tricks.

Remember, therefore, when your partner doubles, partnership bridge requires that you lead his suit.

Check Your Knowledge

1. Is Berlin, Germany, north or south of Quebec, Canada?
2. Name the author of "The Lady of the Lake."
3. Who was the Forty Immortals?
4. When was insulin first used in the treatment of diabetes?
5. What percentage of the world's silver does Mexico produce?
6. How many seats were there at Sir Arthur's round table?
(Answers on Page 4)

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Within a few months of its arrival, 1,000 persons are expected to be employed in it, turning out goods for the British export drive.

With approval of the Board of Trade, Remington Rand, Ltd., are transplanting U.S.\$2,000,000 worth of equipment to a prepared site, so they can make typewriters and electric razors in Britain.

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S. D. Parker, managing director of Remington Rand, said "the factory will begin to come into production within three months, and our programme is to produce manufactures which formerly had to be bought with dollars on a substantial scale."

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"What's the down payment on this one?"

ASTRONOMERS REPORT MARS SUPPORTS LIFE

McDonald Observatory, Mount Locke, Texas, Feb. 18.—Astronomers said the latest study of the planet Mars provided tentative evidence that life in a primitive form exists there.

What scientists call a "practical close-up" of Mars was obtained early today when the planet was within 65,000,000 miles of the earth.

Using the war-developed infra-red spectrograph focused through an 82-inch telescope, astronomers made an exciting study of the planet, and came to the conclusion that probably there is a hard moss-like growth found in rocks in the United States, exists there.

Dr. Gerard P. Kuiper, the observatory director, said spectrographic studies indicated that the weather conditions of Mars probably would support such elementary forms of life as lichen. He said the studies indicated that Mars had polar ice caps "composed of water." He said they retreat as much as 100 miles a day, indicating that they were very thin, possibly not more than one-eighth of an inch thick.

Dr. Kuiper said the climate resembles the earth at an elevation of 50,000 feet and probably would support lichen, which does not need rain and sucks up water from vapour from the air.—United Press.

Doctors Overwhelmingly Reject Bevan's Bill

London, Feb. 18.—With the publication today of the nationwide ballot figures, the British medical profession has decided overwhelmingly to reject the Government's National Health Service Act—part of the scheme for social security "from the cradle to the grave" based on the Beveridge Plan.

SPORT:

All-Chinese Bridge Team Carries On

New York, Feb. 18.—An all-Chinese team is among the 32 teams of bridge players surviving the qualifying round in play for the coveted Vanderbilt Cup. Forty-five teams started.

The Chinese team includes Victor Sheng, T. Sun, L. S. Sun, D. L. Chang, all of Shanghai, and King-man Dong of Hong Kong.

SQUASH RACKETS TITLE

London, Feb. 18.—Mahmoud El Hakim, Egyptian holder of the British open squash rackets championship, reached the last four of the Dunlop professional tournament when it was continued here at the Lansdowne Club, London, today, beating C. J. Owen, professional at Stoke School, by 4-0, 9-3, 9-1. Kaurin has entered for the Irish open championship to be held in Dublin on February 28.

This will be his first visit to Ireland.—Reuter.

BILLY THOMPSON'S NEXT

London, Feb. 18.—Billy Thompson, British lightweight champion, who won the European lightweight title by out-pointing the Italian holder, Roberto Proietti, over 15 rounds here last night, will be matched for his next fight against Andre Farnachon, of France, at Nottingham, in March.

Thompson, a 23-year-old colliery worker, put up the best performance of his little career to bring back the European title to England after 25 years when he snatched the title away from Proietti, a strong and experienced fighter, by scoring a clean-cut points victory.

Meanwhile, his manager is negotiating for an Empire championship contest with the Canadian, Danny Webb, in Canada.—Reuter.

MILLS v. MAURIELLO

London, Feb. 18.—Promoter Jack Solomons announced today that he was making Tami Mauriello, Italian American heavyweight, accepting an offer to fight Freddie Mills, European and British light heavyweight title holder.

Solomons said he was offering Mauriello a bout on April 19 at the Harringway Arena.

Mills' manager, Ted Broadbent, stated that Mills was taking a rest until April "when he will be pleased to fight the man who knocked out our heavyweight champion."—United Press.

RUSSIANS TO SKATE

Moscow, Feb. 18.—The Russian news agency, Tass, said today that Soviet men skaters would participate in the world speed skating championships for the first time when they are held in Helsinki on February 28.

The Soviets, who passed up the Winter Olympics and other European winter sports events, will send their speed skaters to Helsinki shortly.

Among the competitors will be the Russian champion, Evgeny Danilov, and other such outstanding performers as Konstantin Kirdyavtsev, Nikolai Petrov, Vladimir Proshin, Pavel Belyayev, Yuri Golovchenko and Alexei Pilyayev.

Skaters from Finland, Sweden, Czechoslovakia, Norway, the United States, Canada, Britain, Poland, Netherlands and Hungary are expected to participate.

Soviet women competed for the world championships in speed skating for the first time at the meet in Anso, Finland, last week-end.—United Press.

SILVER WEDDING OF SOVEREIGN

London, Feb. 18.—The King and Queen will attend service at St. Paul's Cathedral on April 26 in commemoration of the 25th anniversary of their wedding. It was officially announced from Buckingham Palace today.—Reuter.

12 ARABS KILLED BY HEAVY BOMB IN MARKET PLACE

Jerusalem, Feb. 18.—Twelve Arabs were killed and 32 injured—16 seriously—when a heavy bomb, hidden in a basket of vegetables, exploded in the market place of the all-Arab town of Ramleh, 10 miles north of Jerusalem, it was officially reported here tonight.

VICTORY FOR WALLACE'S CANDIDATE

Washington, Feb. 18.—The victory of Mr. Leo Isaacson, Mr. Henry Wallace's candidate in the Bronx (New York) by-election, has put President Truman's chances of re-election to the White House next November into the greatest doubt so far, observers here said today.

No political observers here drew from yesterday's contest the unqualified conclusion that Mr. Wallace was stronger nationally than had previously been supposed. They did, however, decide what Democratic leaders have feared even since Mr. Wallace announced his candidacy, that the former Vice-President may well up the balance of power in New York State in favour of the Republicans—and without New York State and its 47 electoral votes, Mr. Truman can hardly hope to win nationally.

The New York Times said: "The effect on the voters in a predominantly Jewish voting territory unquestionably reflected dissatisfaction with the present United States attitude on implementing the Palestine partition."

The paper added that the Communists, Mr. Isaacson, Mr. Wallace and Mr. Isaacson, "were able to mass their full workers' strength from the whole city in one Congressional district."

The Communist Daily Worker in New York hailed the by-election victory with a huge three-line headline on its front page.

The newspaper PM said it was "not only a tremendous boost for the Wallace movement, but also a statement of the threat to Democratic hopes of carrying New York State in the Presidential election.—Reuter.

ARABS MAY DEMAND A FREE LIBYA

Cairo, Feb. 18.—Full independence for a united Libya is expected to be demanded by the Political Committee of the Arab League Council, now meeting here.

Members of the Committee tonight turned their eyes westwards to consider the position of the Arabs in Tripolitania, the western province of Libya, where rioting against the British military administration flared up yesterday, and in Tetuan, Spanish Morocco, where there were recent Arab Nationalist disturbances.

The Committee is expected to reiterate in unequivocal terms its opposition to the return of Libya to Italy, and to the division of Libya into two separate administrations, Tripolitania and Cyrenaica.

The Committee may, it is understood, ask the Arab League Council to empower Egypt to act as "spokesman" for Libya before the four-power Commission which is to report on the former Italian colonies to the Foreign Ministers' deputies.

Casualties in yesterday's Tripoli disturbances were officially listed tonight as seven British soldiers taken to hospital, one British officer injured, three civilians killed and nine injured, and 15 soldiers, six police and 45 civilians given first aid.—Reuter.

Court Appeal Dismissed

An application by the Hon. Leo d'Almada, KC (instructed by Mr. M. A. da Silva) for directions for the Full Court for affidavits to be taken by one or more of three jurors who dissented from verdicts of guilty of murder was dismissed by the Full Court (Mr. Justice Gould and Mr. Justice Reynolds) this morning.

The application concerned the case in which Lam Kui and Cheung Kai were sentenced to death by Mr. Justice Gould on November 29 for the murder of Lo Bee at Second Street, near the old Sai Ying Poon Market, on May 25 last.

At the trial Mr. Silva was for the defence and Mr. A. J. Clifford (Crown Counsel) conducted the prosecution.

Mr. d'Almada, on Tuesday, stated that the dissenting jurors, according to an affidavit filed by his instructing solicitor, were Y. P. Choy, M. F. Pinna and H. W. Yung.

Authoritative Arab sources said a Jew, dressed as an Arab, loaded the basket with the bomb on to an Arab donkey cart going to town.

The bomb exploded in the market square, littering it with dead and wounded.

In the same town earlier today, three armed men kidnapped an Arab due to appear as a witness in a military court trial today of other Arabs charged with taking part in an armed raid on the Ramleh super-numerary police depot in December. A bomb burst in a Jewish cafe at Rosh Pina, on the Palestine Syrian frontier, today, causing damage estimated at £1,000.—Reuter.

Police Force Opposed

Lake Success, Feb. 18.—Arab leaders today assailed recommendations of the United Nations Palestine Commission that an international force should be sent to police the Holy Land.

The delegation of the Arab Higher Committee, in a statement, said the proposal served the Jewish cause which, they said, was to exterminate the Arabs in Palestine.

The statement added: "After 30 years' experience in Palestine, Great Britain came to the conclusion that the mandate was unworkable because it could not be implemented except by brutal force and drastic measures against the Arabs."

"Britain could not justify the use of force to exterminate the Arabs of Palestine. It is incomprehensible that the United Nations Commission could recommend such a course."

Declaring that the Commission's advocacy of an international force is in reality a face-saving measure, the statement said: "The Commission is adopting an argument which has been the favourite horse of Zionism since November, 1947."

Zionists, in order to achieve their ends, created a camouflage of propaganda to the effect that if the partition of Palestine is not implemented by force, the prestige of the United Nations will suffer.—Associated Press.

U.N. Responsibility

London, Feb. 18.—The defence of Jerusalem "is now the responsibility of the United Nations and the British Government cannot undertake it," Mr. Ernest Bevin, Foreign Secretary, said today.

He had been asked by Sir Patrick Hannon, (Conservative) in the House of Commons whether, as the Holy City of Jerusalem had been the inspiration of human progress for thousands of years, he would see that it was protected from riots and bloodshed.

A former Labour Under-Secretary for the Colonies, Mr. Ivor Thomas, said that British public opinion would be behind Mr. Bevin if Britain contributed to the defence of Jerusalem, but Mr. Bevin replied: "I cannot undertake to leave British troops there."

The Foreign Secretary reiterated Britain's position on the use of British troops: "We cannot take part in enforcing partition in Palestine or any solution not acceptable to the Arabs and the Jews"—Reuter.

Marshall's Statement

Washington, Feb. 18.—A decision had been approximately reached on the policy to be adopted by the United States at next Tuesday's Security Council meeting on proposals for carrying out the partition of Palestine and for keeping peace in the Middle East, Gen. George Marshall, Secretary of State, announced today.

Questioned by newsmen about whether he thought United Nations pressure would be destroyed if it failed to carry through its proposals for Palestine, Gen. Marshall said the United Nations would not be killed off in a single blow by the failure to solve this question, but that action was of vast importance to the effectiveness of the organization.—Reuter.

Picasso Portrait

Lake Success, Feb. 18.—Dr. Khalid, the Iraqi member of the United Nations Trusteeship Council, walked out of a Council meeting today when he had ridiculed the Palestine partition map as "looking like a Picasso portrait," complete with enclaves, free cities, minorities, geographical and ethnographical oddities and what not anyone acquainted with the mentality of the Eastern peoples, this map is a work of supreme ignorance, and a counsel of despair."

The Council had before it a draft statute for the International Zone of Jerusalem.

Dr. Khalid said he believed that the United Nations decision on Palestine was illegal and a violation of the Charter.

The partition plan provided amply for "irreconcilable minorities, racial friction, boundaries and economic invalidity, and all these are there to prepare for a slugging match in the future," he said.—Reuter.

Plunged Airmen To Death

Hamburg, Feb. 18.—During the night of March 24, 1944, a British airmen jumped from his burning aircraft over Berlin. His parachute caught on the roof of a house in the Schoenebergstrasse, leaving the airmen dangling in space.

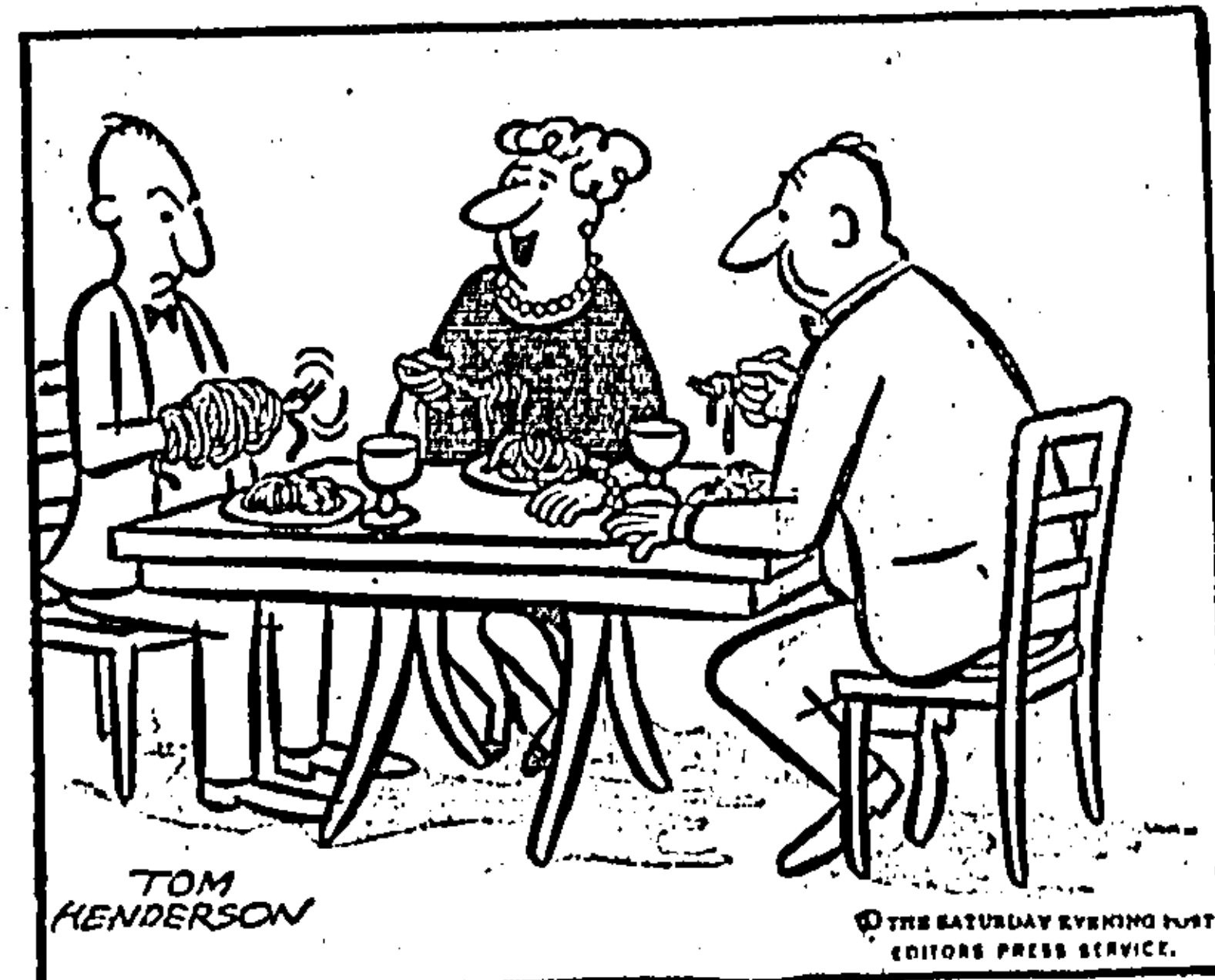
Otto Fritz Muth, was alleged to have gone to an upper window of the house and cut the cords of the parachute so that the British airmen fell to his death in the street below.

The trial of Otto-Fritz Muth began today before a British military court in Hamburg. The accused pleaded not guilty.—Reuter.

CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Answers

1. North. 2. Sir Walter Scott. 3. The forty members of the French Academy (Academie Francaise). 4. In 1921. 5. Nearly 50 percent. 6. 450.



"I never thought to ask you beforehand, Mr. Rotchford—do you enjoy spaghetti, I hope?"

Dual Citizenship For People Of Dominions

London, Feb. 18.—An important British nationality bill published tonight establishes the dual citizenship principle that the people of India, Pakistan, Ceylon and other self-governing Commonwealth countries have both particular status as citizens of their own countries and common status as members of the wider association of Commonwealth peoples.

TRAIN WRECK SEQUEL

STATION MASTER ARRESTED

Lille, France, Feb. 18.—Station Master Albert Dufour was arrested today on charges of involuntary manslaughter in connection with the train wreck on Tuesday night in which at least four persons were killed.

Dufour was station master at Thumerie, a village 15 miles from Lille.

Police said there may be more bodies in the wreckage of the passenger train which collided with a freight train. The injured total "about forty" police said.

They added that Dufour admitted that he had an argument with an employee, had become upset and prematurely gave the signal for the passenger train to leave.

Ordinarily he held the passenger train in the station until the goods train had passed.

Police said Dufour stated he realised his error and tried, too late, to stop the goods train.

The passenger train was loaded with the flourmills factory workers. The Lille double line is still blocked.

One of the rescuers, Marcel Carlier, said that when he arrived on the scene on Tuesday night, "I saw about 300 women, covered with blood and shrieking, crawl and run from the train."

He described scenes of horror as the dead and wounded were taken from the wreck, some grotesquely mangled and others badly shaken up.

Parts of bodies were scattered a wide distance.

The small wooden passenger train carried mostly men and women workers from the nearby sugar refinery and paper mill. The goods train was loaded with coal.—Associated Press.

KCC CRICKET TEAMS

The following have been selected to play for the KCC first eleven against the Royal Navy KCC on Saturday, starting at 2 p.m.

R. E. Lee (capt.), E. C. Fincher, J. Barrow, F. R. Zimmerman, A. Zimmerman, W. H. Colledge, N. Hart Baker, K. L. S. A. F. White, C. J. Smith and G. E. Taylor.

The KCC second team to meet the Navy at King's Park on Saturday 19.

S. A. Gray (capt.), V. H. White, S. C. Truman, R. H. A. Lapsley, C. I. Stapleton, V. C. Bond, E. Randall, R. Leigh, M. Wood, E. A. J. Hancock, R. G. Labrum, 12th man, J. Tibble.

On Sunday the KCC entertain the RAF, the match to start at 11 a.m. The KCC team will be R. E. Lee (capt.), E. C. Fincher, J. Barrow, F. R. Zimmerman, A. Zimmerman, W. H. Colledge, N. Hart Baker, K. L. S. A. F. White, C. I. Stapleton and G. E. Taylor.

The bill also creates the new status of United Kingdom citizenship, in line with the local citizenships or projected local citizenships of Dominion countries.

One of the effects of the bill will be to give clearer recognition to the separate identity of individual countries of the Commonwealth.

It will also clarify the position about diplomatic protection and enable Dominion Governments, when negotiating with other countries to define, with precision, the people for whom it negotiates.

The bill follows a Commonwealth Conference in London last February. This reached certain broad agreements which are likely to be reflected in legislation similar to the United Kingdom bill, by each of the Dominions involved.

The bill now issued provides that the United Kingdom Bill will be a British subject as distinct from those of the self-governing Dominions.

Broad Effects

The broad effect of the new arrangement will be that a United Kingdom citizen going to one of the Dominions, while he will have British status, will not automatically enjoy local citizenship rights.

The Dominion subject coming to England will have British rights, but if he desires the specific rights of United Kingdom citizenship, he will apply for them.

A woman who has lost British nationality by marriage will automatically reacquire it either as a United Kingdom, colonial or Dominion citizen as the case may be.

A Commonwealth woman citizen marrying a United Kingdom citizen will not on marriage become a United Kingdom citizen, but she will be entitled to claim the right of such citizenship.—Reuter.

SNOWSTORMS IN ASIA MINOR

Ankara, Feb. 18.—Snowstorms today paralysed communications across the Black Sea, and severe weather is prevailing all over Turkey.

Many areas of North Asia Minor, six feet of snow stopped horse and motor traffic.

In Western Asia Minor, food supplies are running short.—Reuter.

ZBW BROADCAST

H.K.T. 6 Studio: "Blues are the Negro's Lament" narrated by Philip Brown; 6.30. Studio: La Demite-France; 7.00. London: World and Home News; 7.15. B.B.C. Transcription Service; 7.30. B.B.C. Transcription Service; 7.45. Studio: Vocal Recital by Tamara Brown (Soprano) with piano accompaniment by Betty Brown; 8.00. Symphonie Expansive; 8.15. Yehudi Menuhin (Violin) with Betty Brown; 8.30. B.B.C. Transcription Service; 8.45. Studio: Book Reviews by Fred Hartley and H. M. Music; 9.00. Studio: Book Reviews by H. M. Music; 9.15. Studio: Book Reviews by H. M. Music; 9.30. Studio: Book Reviews by H. M. Music; 9.45. Studio: Book Reviews by H. M. Music; 10.00. Studio: Book Reviews by H. M. Music; 10.15. Studio: Book Reviews by H. M. Music; 10.30. Studio: Book Reviews by H. M. Music; 10.45. Studio: Book Reviews by H. M. Music; 11.00. Studio: Book Reviews by H. M. Music; 11.15. Studio: Book Reviews by H. M. Music; 11.30. Studio: Book Reviews by H. M. Music; 11.45. Studio: Book Reviews by H. M. 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